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## AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain lands and improvements in the State of Virginia, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PURPOSE.**

2       The purpose of this Act is to authorize the Secretary  
3 of Agriculture (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”)  
4 to sell or exchange all or part of certain administrative  
5 sites and other lands in the George Washington National  
6 Forest and the Jefferson National Forest, and to use the  
7 value derived therefrom to acquire a replacement site and  
8 to construct on the site suitable improvements for national  
9 forest administrative purposes.

10 **SEC. 2. SALE OR EXCHANGE OF LAND.**

11       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary may, under such  
12 terms and conditions as the Secretary may prescribe, sell  
13 or exchange any or all right, title, and interest of the  
14 United States in and to the approximately 368 acres con-  
15 tained in the following tracts of land situated in the State  
16 of Virginia:

17               (1) Tract J–1665 (approximately 101 acres), as  
18 shown on the map titled “Natural Bridge Juvenile  
19 Corrections Center, February 4, 1998”.

20               (2) Tract G–1312a (approximately 214 acres),  
21 Tract G–1312b (approximately 2 acres), and Tract  
22 G1312a–I (approximately 10 acres), as shown on  
23 the plat titled “George Washington National Forest,  
24 Alleghany Construction Company, (1312a,–I,b),  
25 Alleghany County, Virginia, June 1936”.

1           (3) Tract G-1709 (approximately 23 acres), as  
2 shown on the plat titled “James C. Doyle, Alleghany  
3 County, Virginia, April 13, 1993”.

4           (4) Tract G-1360 (consisting of Lots 31 and  
5 32; approximately .29 acres), Tract G-1361 (con-  
6 sisting of Lots 29 and 30; approximately .29 acres),  
7 Tract G-1362 (consisting of Lots 22, 23, and 24;  
8 approximately .43 acres), and Tract G-1363 (con-  
9 sisting of Lot 21; approximately .14 acres), as  
10 shown on the plat titled “Dry River Road, George  
11 Washington National Forest, Warehouse Site,  
12 Bridgewater, Rockingham County, Virginia, July  
13 1936”.

14           (5) Tract G-1524 (consisting of Lot 13; ap-  
15 proximately .13 acres), as shown on the plat titled  
16 “Vertie E. Beery Tract, Rockingham County, Vir-  
17 ginia, February 3, 1966”.

18           (6) Tract G-1525 (consisting of Lots 11 and  
19 12; approximately .26 acres), as shown on the plat  
20 titled “Charles F. Simmons Tract 1525, Rocking-  
21 ham County, Virginia, February 3, 1966”.

22           (7) Tract G-1486 (consisting of Lots 14, 15,  
23 and 16; approximately .39 acres), as shown on the  
24 plat shown at Deed Book 133, Page 341 Rocking-

1 ham Virginia Records of the D.S. Thomas Inc. Addi-  
2 tion, Town of Bridgewater.

3 (8) Tract N-123a (consisting of Lots 7 and 8;  
4 approximately .287 acres), as shown on the plat ti-  
5 tled "George Washington Forest. A.M. Rucker,  
6 Tract N-123a, Buena Vista, Virginia".

7 (9) Tract N-123b (consisting of Lots 5 and 6;  
8 approximately .287 acres), as shown on the plat ti-  
9 tled "George Washington Unit, A.M. Rucker, N-  
10 123b, Rockbridge County, Virginia, city of Buena  
11 Vista, dated 1942".

12 (10) Tract G-1417 (approximately 1.2 acres),  
13 as shown on the plat titled "George Washington  
14 Unit, R.A. Warren, Tracts (1417-1417a), Bath  
15 County, Virginia, May 1940".

16 (11) Tract G-1520 (approximately 1 acre), as  
17 shown on the plat titled "Samuel J. Snead Tract,  
18 Bath County, Virginia, February 3, 1966".

19 (12) Tract G-1522a (approximately .65 acres),  
20 as shown on the plat titled "Charles N. Loving  
21 Tract, Bath County, Virginia, February 3, 1966".

22 (13) Tract G-1582 (approximately .86 acres),  
23 as shown on the plat titled "Willie I. Haynes Tract,  
24 Bath County, Virginia, January 1974".

1           (14) Tract G–1582a (approximately .62 acres),  
2           as shown on the plat titled “Willie I. Haynes, Bath  
3           County, Virginia, January 1979”.

4           (15) Tract G–1673 (approximately 1.69 acres),  
5           as shown on the plat titled “Erwin S. Solomon  
6           Tract, Bath County, Virginia, September 15, 1970”.

7           (16) Tract J–1497 (approximately 2.66 acres),  
8           as shown on the plat titled “James A. Williams,  
9           Tract 1497, January 24, 1990”.

10          (17) Tract J–1652 (approximately 1.64 acres),  
11          as shown on the plat titled “United States of Amer-  
12          ica, Tract J–1652, Buchanan Magisterial District,  
13          Botetourt County, Virginia, September 4, 1996”.

14          (18) Tract J–1653 (approximately 5.08 acres),  
15          as shown on the plat titled “United States of Amer-  
16          ica, Tract J–1653, Peaks Magisterial District, Bed-  
17          ford County, Virginia, November 4, 1996”.

18   The Secretary may acquire land, and existing or future  
19   administrative improvements, in consideration for the con-  
20   veyance of the lands designated in this subsection.

21          (b) APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES.—Except as other-  
22   wise provided in this Act, any sale or exchange of all or  
23   a portion of the lands designated in subsection (a) shall  
24   be subject to existing laws, rules, and regulations applica-

1 ble to the conveyance and acquisition of lands for National  
2 Forest System purposes.

3 (c) CASH EQUALIZATION.—Notwithstanding any  
4 other provision of law, the Secretary may accept cash  
5 equalization payments in excess of 25 percent of the total  
6 value of the lands designated in subsection (a) from any  
7 exchange authorized by subsection (a).

8 (d) SOLICITATIONS OF OFFERS.—In carrying out  
9 this Act, the Secretary may use public or private solicita-  
10 tions of offers for sale or exchange on such terms and con-  
11 ditions as the Secretary may prescribe. The Secretary may  
12 reject any offer if the Secretary determines that the offer  
13 is not adequate or not in the public interest.

14 **SEC. 3. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS.**

15 Any funds received by the Secretary through sale or  
16 by cash equalization from an exchange shall be deposited  
17 into the fund provided by the Act of December 4, 1967  
18 (16 U.S.C. 484a), commonly known as the Sisk Act, and  
19 shall be available for expenditure, upon appropriation,  
20 for—

21 (1) the acquisition of lands, and interests in the  
22 lands, in the State of Virginia; and

- 1           (2) the acquisition or construction of adminis-
- 2           trative improvements in connection with the George
- 3           Washington and Jefferson National Forests.

Passed the House of Representatives March 24,  
1998.

Attest:

ROBIN H. CARLE,  
*Clerk.*